



Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting Summary

Co-Chairs: Rebekah Scheinfeld, CDOT
Luann Hamilton, CDOT

Date:	September 12	Time:	3:00 pm- 4:30 pm
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MBAC Members in Attendance

Name	Department/Agency	Name	Department/Agency
Garth Katner	West Town Bikes	Margarita Reina	CDPH
Jim Merrell	Active Transportation Alliance	Charles Billows	Finance
Eric Goodwin	CLOCC	Brandon Daley	Park District
John O'Neal	CMAP	Todd Wyatt	DPD
Joe Sislow	Community Representative	Luann Hamilton	CDOT, MBAC Co-chair
Jacob Peters	Community Representative	Rebekah Scheinfeld	CDOT, MBAC Co-chair

Proceedings

Meeting called to order at 3:05 by Chair Scheinfeld

February MBAC meeting minutes approved

Collective Action for Traffic Safety Conversation

Issues/Points raised	Presented by
<p>Families and advocates for safer streets would like to implement their "own Vision" because Vision Zero implementations haven't done enough to stop people from dying on our streets.</p> <p>Advocates and community members are standing together to find a collaborative solution.</p> <p>We would like to not only been seen as cyclists but also as 'humans'.</p> <p>Racial inequity is reflected in the number of people of color dying. We see the highest number of fatalities in the West and South sides.</p> <p>We need better education to change the culture of drivers.</p>	<p>Kristen Green, <i>Ghost Bikes and Ride of Silence</i></p>
<p>Representing a group of about 1800 members (Chicago Family Biking is a Facebook Group and is aligned with Kidical Mass)</p> <p>We would like to thank the City and CDOT for trying to make our streets safer for everyone, since we understand it is hard to get everyone involved in such process</p> <p>In our opinion, some of the most important issues to be addressed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Faster implementation of Vision Zero strategies. - All companies should comply with the side guard ordinance sooner rather than later. Companies prioritize profit over human lives. Reinforce compliance to side guard ordinance. 	<p>Siouxzi Donnelly, <i>Chicago Family Biking</i></p>



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<p>a) Better management of traffic during construction. When there are no good options for cyclists, they are sometimes forced into a dangerous decision. b) More equitable infrastructure and proper maintenance of bike infrastructure. It's not only about building more, but about maintaining what we already have. c) Better enforcement of dangerous drivers. d) Prioritize human life for all modes of transportation. e) We hope to be more involved in the process of planning for safer streets.</p>	Siouxzi Donnelly, <i>Chicago Family Biking</i>
<p>Vision Zero update:</p> <p>a) West Side events: Austin and Garfield park took place in August and September. Last event to be held in North Lawndale on Sept 29. b) Paint & post project installed in Garfield Park at the corner of Lake & Kedzie. c) VZ Downtown Task force prioritized strategies in each area and identified possibilities for pilot projects. d) The City has received and secured funding from CMAP and IDOT to roll out Vision Zero in the South Side in 2019.</p>	Luann Hamilton, CDOT
<p>Side Guard Ordinance:</p> <p>a) Passed July 2017, requires City contractors (over \$2 million) to install side guards and convex mirrors on large vehicles (over 10,000 lbs) b) Currently working to ensure compliance with the ordinance and increase number of large vehicles with these safety features even if not covered under ordinance. c) Looking at the e-crash data to prioritize companies who have been involved in multiple crashes for voluntary compliance and to encourage other companies even if they don't have a city contract.</p>	Sean Wiedel, CDOT
<p>Construction Impacts:</p> <p>a) The goal is to schedule and stagger components so construction does not cause compounding issues b) Three different stages for any work: preliminary review, permit review & traffic plan, and inspection c) Q: What should you do if something does not look safe at a construction site? - regardless of agency, even if a City Agency is at fault. A: contact the dedicated email address: cdotpermitsupport@cityofchicago.org d) The department is looking at opportunities to improve safety areas, not only sites, by maybe creating bike detours through entire neighborhoods e) Collective advocacy is important to hold developers accountable</p>	Bryan
Other issues raised during this conversations	
<p>Aldermanic power to overwrite or support bike infrastructure. How can we (as constituents) better educate Aldermen about the importance of bike infrastructure in their Wards? We haven't created enough pressure to Alderman to make them understand how the lack of appropriate infrastructure affects our lives.</p>	
<p>Education and culture change. We should try to think about cyclist fatalities not only as a "cyclist problem" but as a community problem. There should be more programs to teach people how to properly use the city's road infrastructure. Invest more in education and not only in infrastructure. Engage more with Chicagoans through social media. Teach people the basics about the rules of the road.</p>	
<p>Humanize the issue. It is important to add a "face" to the issue moving forward. How could we communicate to Alderman when a cyclist fatality occurs in his/her ward?</p>	
<p>Side guards. How can the City apply pressure to trucking companies to install side guards in their fleets? Nine years is way too long for companies to comply with the ordinance. We see the need of expanding this to all vehicles and not only to City contractors. It is imperative we find opportunities to get side guards installed in a more affordable way.</p>	
<p>Better education to Police Officers when responding to crash incidents involving cyclists. Reports are not well recorded by the Police Department. How can we better educate CPD to protect cyclists and record crashes properly?</p>	
<p>Improve policies. It is very important to push other branches of government to improve policy. Lobby the State to make vehicle education and license process more rigorous.</p>	
Public Comment	
<p>Q: John Greenfield- Is the topic on bike ticketing/ enforcement closed? A: It is an ongoing issue</p>	
<p>It would be appreciated if this meeting is pushed back to 5 pm or a later time in the evening.</p>	
Adjournment at 5:00	



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